

When he first moved to California's Central Valley, Mr. Malik worked as a janitor. In 1954, Mr. Malik purchased a 20-acre almond ranch in Keyes, California and later moved to a 40-acre almond and walnut ranch in Ceres. In the late 1950's he began a job selling Airstream trailers. Many years later he started his own mobile-home dealership and eventually branched out into real-estate development and farming. Today, several projects in the greater Modesto area are due to Mr. Malik's work.

Mr. Malik worked 7 days a week; never wanting to rely on others to take care of his family. He believed in helping others, and sponsored 67 extended family members, and assisted about 400 people in immigrating to the United States.

Mr. Malik was preceded in death by two children; Gina Marie and Don, as well as his wife of 65 years, Maria. He is survived by two daughters, Diane Pedota and Linda Glynn; three sons, Ron Malik, Bob Malik and Philip Malik Jr.; eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I rise today to posthumously honor Phillip Malik. I invite my colleagues to join me in honoring his life and wishing the best for his family.

RECOGNIZING MR. JACK DARIN ON HIS 20 YEARS OF ADMIRABLE SERVICE TO THE ILLINOIS SIERRA CLUB

HON. MIKE QUIGLEY

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. QUIGLEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Mr. Jack Darin, Director of the Illinois Sierra Club and a powerful advocate for the environment, both in Illinois and across the nation. Mr. Darin has admirably served the Illinois Sierra Club for 20 years and throughout his tenure he has worked selflessly to promote causes including safeguarding our community's health, protecting the great outdoors, and finding viable energy solutions for the 21st century.

Madam Speaker, I recognize Jack today not only because he is a personal friend of mine, but because he is an example for all that one person can have a substantial impact on the future on the environment. Jack has successfully advocated for nutrient standards in sewage treatment plants, encouraged Illinois to adopt the toughest mercury limits for coal-burning power plants and led the fight for Illinois to possess robust anti-degradation rules for streams and rivers. His efforts have resulted in greater protection for Americans against health hazards and expanded access to the most basic human needs: clean water and clean air.

Since its founding in 1892, The Sierra Club has worked to protect and promote our great outdoors. Jack Darin has taken this mission to heart and is a true champion of conservation. Under his leadership, the Sierra Club prevented the destruction of thousands of acres of the Lake Calumet wetlands and in the process preserved the natural habitat of hundreds of plants and animals. The Illinois Sierra Club has also helped restore another natural treasure for the people of Illinois, the Midewin Tall Grass Prairie. Midewin is a unique resource

because it both protects wildlife and provides opportunities for education and recreation, such as twenty-two miles of public trails for hiking, biking, and horseback riding.

Despite these successes, Mr. Darin continues to find creative solutions to Illinois's complex environmental issues. Mr. Darin helped establish the Renewable Energy Portfolio for Illinois requiring 25% of state power to come from renewable sources by 2025. As a result, Illinois legislators are an example for the nation because all electricity for the Springfield Capitol Complex is now derived solely from wind power. Jack work has also extended well beyond Illinois as he serves as a consultant on environmental issues for the President Obama's campaign in 2008.

Madam Speaker, the work of Mr. Darin, the Illinois Sierra Club and like minded individuals have placed environmental issues at the crux of our nation's political debate. Their work helps our society expand and grow in a responsible fashion and improve our quality of life. Thank you, Mr. Darin, for your 20 years of service to the Sierra Club, to Illinois and to your country.

PEGGY HALDERMAN

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor applaud Peggy Halderman for her outstanding service to our community.

The dedication demonstrated by Peggy Halderman directly benefits her community, and is exemplary of her high personal and professional standards. She started the Golden Backpack Program which currently feeds 242 children in 3 area schools by providing packs of food for the children to take home on weekends.

In addition to Peggy Halderman's dedicated efforts to feed hungry local children, as a professional chef she volunteers and supervises members of the Golden Rotary Club as they provide monthly luncheons at one of the two subsidized housing complexes located in Golden.

I extend my deepest congratulations once again to Peggy Halderman for her recognition by the West Chamber of Jefferson County. I have no doubt she will exhibit the same dedication and character in all her future accomplishments.

STATEMENT REGARDING H. RES.

867

HON. ZOE LOFGREN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California. Madam Speaker, after careful consideration of House Resolution 867, I joined 22 other Members of Congress in voting "Present" on November 3rd. This resolution denounces the "Report of the United Nations Fact Finding Mission on the Gaza Conflict," also known as the "Goldstone Report," and calls on the President to oppose any further consideration of the report.

While I agree that the Goldstone Report is biased, in my view, the harsh tone employed by both this resolution and the U.N. does nothing productive for the ultimate goal of peaceful reconciliation, and this entire discussion suffers as a result. There are some conclusions in the Goldstone Report itself worthy of our consideration and H. Res. 867 does all parties a disservice by ignoring that fact.

This Resolution contained inaccuracies and was rushed to the floor without Congressional hearings. Investigations should be conducted before such harsh criticisms are leveled. Israel itself, a positive example of democracy in the Middle East, has previously conducted internal investigations of its military operations that were both transparent and constructive.

I have always been a strong supporter of Israel, which has long been one of our most loyal allies. I believe that we must lead in the effort of bringing peace to the Middle East, but at the same time, we must ultimately allow the Israeli people, who are committed to democratic rule, to determine their own course.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE PASSING OF DR. BERT SUTTON

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Dr. Bert Sutton, a Northwest Florida leader who passed away on November 12, 2009. Dr. Sutton spent his life serving our community, and I am proud to honor his lifetime of dedication and service.

Dr. E.W. "Bert" Sutton was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama and grew up in Port St. Joe, Florida. After graduating from the University of Alabama and then Tulane Medical School, Bert opened his first practice in 1960 in Santa Rosa County, Florida. In 1979, Bert was appointed Director of the Santa Rosa County Health Department, where he served for over 24 years until his retirement in 2003. He oversaw public health in the county for more than two decades.

In addition to his day-to-day duties at the Department of Health, Dr. Sutton was instrumental in the opening of the Rehabilitation Institute of West Florida in 1978, now a part of the West Florida Hospital System. The institute serves people recovering from accidents and those suffering from neurological or orthopedic conditions. He also helped found the Rehabilitation Foundation of Northwest Florida which provides financial support for disabled people to receive physical therapy and prosthetics. In 2001, Dr. Sutton helped establish the Santa Rosa Community Clinic providing medical services to the poor and uninsured. He always put service to others first, and he will be missed by all of us in Northwest Florida.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of the United States Congress, I am privileged to recognize the life of Dr. Bert Sutton. With close to 50 years of faithful service to Northwest Florida, Bert will be forever remembered as a part of the fabric of our community. My wife Vicki and I offer our prayers for his wife, Fran, children, Karen, Sherman, Steven, Patsy, Erin, Stacy, and Tracey, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and entire extended family as we remember and honor the life of Bert Sutton.

RECOGNIZING THE SUCCESS OF THE ST. CHARLES GOLF TEAM

HON. PATRICK J. TIBERI

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. TIBERI. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to St. Charles Preparatory School in Columbus, Ohio. St. Charles is in my congressional district, and I am proud to recognize a school that not only excels in academics but also distinguishes itself in athletics. The St. Charles Golf Team recently won the 2009 Division I Ohio State Golf Championship. In the championship meeting, St. Charles came from behind to defeat Cincinnati St. Xavier, Cleveland St. Ignatius and Columbus Dublin Coffman. This was the first ever state title for the school's golf program.

The golf team exemplifies outstanding hard work, determination and perseverance. Such a win stands as a reflection of the many hours of practice and level of commitment exhibited by all team members.

Their victory was directed by such talented golfers as Senior Andrew Steffensmeier, Juniors Alex Carpenter, Michael Ricaurte and Daniel Wiegandt, and Sophomore Nate Yankovich.

Coached by Anthony Mampieri, this St. Charles alumnus helped instill in his team a commitment to excellence and culture of teamwork.

It is an honor to represent such a fine group of young people who have a strong dedication to teamwork and academics. I know each one of them will treasure the memories of their championship season and I commend them, and the St. Charles community, for this truly great achievement.

AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE FOR AMERICA ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. BENNIE G. THOMPSON

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Saturday, November 7, 2009

Mr. THOMPSON of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, I and others have spoken at length on the ways that this bill will improve health care for all of our constituents. Another significant benefit of this legislation which has not received as much attention will be the creation of new high-paying jobs in this country. Let me repeat that for some of my friends on the other side of the aisle, this bill will create high-paying, high-quality jobs in health care delivery, technology, and research in the United States.

First, this bill will create enormous demand for health care workers, especially in the area of primary care. Insuring millions of Americans in this country who currently have no insurance will allow them to see primary care providers and receive the wellness and preventive care they have been denied for too long. This influx of new patients will need doctors, nurses and technicians for their care, while reducing overall health care costs because they will not need much more expensive hospitalizations. I support channeling resources that for too long have been used to treat peo-

ple once they become sick into jobs and services that will prevent people from getting sick in the first place.

Second, this bill will continue the efforts we began in the stimulus package to deploy new health information technologies that better manage both the quality of care patients receive and the cost at which they receive it. New health care exchanges and new demands on the health system to provide high-quality and cost-effective health care will create new opportunities and markets for our brightest minds in technology. They will be incentivized to create and develop products that will be a win/win for Americans: high-quality health care at an affordable price.

Third, this bill will create high-quality research opportunities in this country. The Energy and Commerce Committee enacted a framework for allowing biosimilar competition in this country. This new class of medicines will help lower costs and bring competition to one area that is key to the future of our health care system. Biotechnology is on the cutting edge of efforts to reduce costly invasive procedures and allow our constituents to live healthier and more productive lives. The creation of this new class of medicines comes with requirements for new clinical research and testing, especially in the area of whether a new biosimilar can be interchangeable with an innovator's product. This research will create high-quality and high-paying jobs and it is imperative that we keep this research and these jobs in this country. We cannot allow these research opportunities to leave the United States and we must ensure that these new medicines are safe. I intend to work with the Secretary of HHS and the Commissioner of the FDA to ensure that the testing and research on these biosimilars occur in this country to make certain that it is done properly and safely and to benefit our economy.

Mr. Speaker, this bill is an investment and an exciting opportunity to create the kind of jobs we so desperately need in this United States while at the same time improving the lives of all Americans. This bill will improve health care, create jobs, and grow our economy.

EMERALD PEOPLE'S UTILITY BOARD

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. DeFAZIO. Madam Speaker, at a time when our economy is focused on recovery, adopting renewable sources of electricity will spur job creation and economic growth, save consumers money, and reduce greenhouse gas pollution. People's Utility Districts (PUDs) have consistently been at the forefront of this effort.

Emerald PUD, in my congressional district, is an excellent example of People's Utility Districts that have consistently demonstrated a commitment to delivering clean energy and conservation resources to their customers. Due to their relatively small size and local consumer ownership, PUDs are able to meet the unique energy needs of their community while also investing in local renewable energy resources.

For more than a decade Emerald PUD has offered clean renewable energy options to their customers. Their customers have the option to purchase a percentage—or all—of their energy from clean wind power sources. In addition, Emerald PUD regularly assists customers in gaining access to solar energy. Through generous assistance programs they have helped numerous area schools, businesses, and homes to install solar energy systems.

Beyond this investment in sustainable energy, Emerald PUD has made a priority of aiding local residents, industry, and businesses with energy conservation efforts. These projects range from weatherization of homes to the large-scale installation efficient lighting in industrial facilities. Through this sort of individually tailored energy consultation, Emerald PUD has facilitated significant energy savings for many customers who otherwise may not have had access to such resources.

Emerald PUD has demonstrated an extraordinary dedication to bringing clean energy and energy conservation resources to all of their customers. Notably, Emerald—and other PUDs—have shown that this can be done while still holding energy costs well below the national average.

RECOGNIZING THE RETIREMENT OF DENNIS SHUMAN FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DE- FENDER FOR THE FIRST JUDI- CIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

HON. JEFF MILLER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 16, 2009

Mr. MILLER of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Paul Dennis Shuman, a Northwest Florida leader who is retiring after a lifetime of public service to his country and his community. Dennis spent his career serving others, and I am proud to honor this dedication and service.

After graduating from the Naval Academy in 1965, Dennis Shuman began a career in the United States Navy. He earned his Naval Aviator Wings of Gold in December of 1966, and his first operation was as a bombardier in Observation Squadron Sixty-Seven in Vietnam. Subsequent Navy tours took Dennis across the globe in service of his country. For his efforts, Dennis earned the Meritorious Service Medal, three Air Medals, the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat V, the Navy Achievement Medal, the Navy Expeditionary Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal with four stars. In May of 2008, Dennis and the other surviving members of Observation Squadron Sixty-Seven were presented with the Presidential Unit Citation at the Navy Memorial in Washington, DC for their actions over the jungles of Southeast Asia in 1967 and 1968. This is the highest award given to a United States military unit.

Dennis retired from the Navy in 1985 after twenty distinguished years. He graduated from the Florida State University College of Law in 1989 and began his second career as a public servant by joining the Office of the Public Defender in Pensacola, Florida. For twenty years he served the people of Northwest Florida, and he retires as the Chief Assistant Public Defender for the First Judicial Circuit.